

Undead Parish

 Undead Parish () is a Location in Dark Souls. It is accessible after Undead Burg, and enables access to Sen's Fortress and the Darkroot Garden.

Information

The **Undead Parish** is a continuation of the **Undead Burg**, featuring tougher enemies, a mini-boss encounter with the **Armored Tusk**, and a climactic fight with the **Bell Gargoyles**. It introduces new NPCs like the **Fire Keeper** and **Andre of Astora**, alongside key items and shortcuts that make it a critical area for progression.

Area Bosses

Mandatory

Bell Gargoyles:

- Encountered atop the church tower.
- First Gargoyle appears immediately, while a second joins when the first's health is reduced by 50%.
- Weak to fire and lightning damage.
- Rewards: **Twin Humanities**, **10,000 Souls**, and unlocks the first bell.
- Drops: **Gargoyle Tail Axe** (tail), **Gargoyle Helm**, **Gargoyle Shield**, and **Gargoyle Halberd**.

Enemies

Hollow Soldiers and Warriors:

- Found throughout the Parish.
- Variants wield swords, spears, or crossbows.
- Drop: **Souls**, **Hollow Soldier Shield**, and consumables.

Balder Knights:

- Guard the church entrance and upper floors.
- Variants include sword and rapier users.
- Drops: **Balder Side Sword**, **Balder Shield**.

Armored Tusk (Mini-Boss):

- A massive, armored boar found near the church entrance.
- Vulnerable at its unarmored rear and to fire.
- Drops: **Fang Boar Helm** (rare).

Channeler:

- Located on the upper floor of the church.
- Buffs nearby enemies and uses sorceries like **Soul Arrow**.
- Drops: **Channeler's Trident** (rare).

Berenike Knight:

- Found on the ground floor of the church near the altar.
- Uses a large shield and deals heavy damage.
- Drops: **Large Titanite Shard**, **Tower Shield** (rare).

Hollow Soldiers (Enhanced):

- Buffed by the Channeler. Identified by their blue aura.
- Extremely dangerous due to increased attack power.

Merchants

Andre of Astora:

- Found near the bonfire in the lower tower.
- Provides weapon reinforcement, modifications, and sells smithing supplies.
- Sells:
 - **Crest of Artorias** (20,000 Souls).
 - Various weaponry and titanite shards.

Fire Keeper (Anastacia of Astora):

- Found at Firelink Shrine after rescuing Lautrec.
- Reinforces Estus Flasks with **Fire Keeper Souls**.

Oswald of Carim:

- Appears after ringing the first bell.
- Offers:
 - **Absolution** for reversing hostility.
 - **Purging Stones** to cure curses.
 - Various rings and items.

NPCs

Lautrec of Carim:

- Imprisoned on the upper floor of the church.
- Rescue him using the **Mystery Key** or the **Master Key**.
- Rewards: **Sunlight Medal** after being freed.
- Potentially kills the Fire Keeper if left alive.

Solaire of Astora:

- Can be summoned for the Bell Gargoyle boss fight.
- His summon sign is located near the fog gate if the player is in human form.

Items

Weapons:

- **Halberd**: Found near the gate leading to the church.
- **Gargoyle Tail Axe**: Dropped by severing the tail of a Bell Gargoyle.
- **Balder Side Sword**: Rare drop from Balder Knights.
- **Black Knight Sword**: Dropped by the Black Knight near the Tusk area.

Shields:

- **Knight Shield**: Found near the Balder Knight with the rapier.
- **Gargoyle Shield**: Dropped by the Bell Gargoyles.

Armor:

- **Fang Boar Helm**: Rare drop from the Armored Tusk.
- **Gargoyle Helm**: Rare drop from the Bell Gargoyles.

Key Items:

- **Fire Keeper Soul**: Found on the altar in the church.
- **Mystery Key**: Found in the church near the Tusk area.
- **Basement Key**: Located near the gate to the lower Undead Burg.

Consumables:

- **Gold Pine Resin**: Adds lightning damage to weapons. Useful against Gargoyles.
- **Soul of a Nameless Soldier**: Found scattered throughout the area.

Walkthrough

Reaching the Parish

- From **Undead Burg**, defeat the **Hellkite Drake** or use the shortcut under the bridge.

- Navigate the Tusk area by luring enemies and taking advantage of fire damage for the Tusk.

Church Ground Floor

- Defeat the Balder Knights and avoid the Berenike Knight initially.
- Activate the elevator shortcut to Firelink Shrine.

Church Upper Floors

- Clear the Hollow Soldiers and Channeler while avoiding being swarmed.
- Rescue **Lautrec** using the **Mystery Key** or **Master Key**.

Bell Gargoyle Boss Fight

- Focus on severing the tail for the **Gargoyle Tail Axe**.
- Use firebombs or Gold Pine Resin to maximize damage.

Shortcuts

- **Firelink Shrine Elevator:**
 - Found on the church's ground floor, connects directly to Firelink Shrine.
- **Gate Shortcut:**
 - Near the Tusk area, unlocks a path back to **Undead Burg**.

Soul Farming

Church Exterior:

- Balder Knights and Hollow Soldiers provide consistent souls.

Hellkite Drake:

- Use its fire breath on the bridge to farm Hollow Soldiers repeatedly.

Notes

- **Hollow Soldiers (Enhanced):** Always prioritize killing the Channeler to disable their buff.
- Killing Lautrec early prevents him from murdering the Fire Keeper.

Trivia

- The Hellkite Dragon can be cheesed by shooting its tail from below the bridge to obtain the Drake Sword.

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